

REMARKS

The office action of March 13, 2008, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that the disclosure is objected to for containing various informalities.

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Finally, it is noted that claims 1-8 may be given favorable consideration if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In connection with the Examiner's objection to the disclosure, applicant has amended the specification to include section headings and to address the points raised by the Examiner. Regarding the last paragraph on page 16 of the specification, the following explanation is given. The connecting sidepiece 16, as described in the paragraph beginning on line 2 of page 16, "proceeds only part of the way toward the joint axis 26". The outer sidepieces 12, 14 are flanged over toward the inside in the

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region where the connecting sidepiece does not extend, so as to engage under the fastening surfaces 32 of the hinge flap 24, as shown in Fig. 4. Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the lead line for the numeral 32 on the left side of Fig. 4. The short vertical solid line indicates the inward extent of the flange of the outer sidepiece 14. It also indicates that the connecting sidepiece does not extend for the entire length of the outer sidepiece 14.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the disclosure is overcome and should be withdrawn.

In view of the Examiner's rejections of the claims, applicant has amended claims 1-8, and added new dependent claims 9 and 10.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims now on file particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended the claims to address the instances of indefiniteness pointed out by the Examiner.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted

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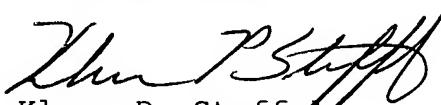
that the rejection of claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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